

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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"THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED, AND HATH APPEARED TO SIMON"

"CHRIST THE FIRST FRUITS AFTERWARD THEY THAT ARE CHRIST'S AT HIS COMING"

MANY HEARTS STIRRED

MOBEETIE, Tex.—We are glad to report victory for the work in the Pan Handle of Texas, it seems the Lord has moved upon us in a very unusual way. Some time about Xmas the Holy Ghost began to move at Mobeetie. I have never enjoyed better services, the power falling and great victory, some have prayed through in the old time way, the Lord moved on the heart of one brother, a member here but living in Shamrock, forty miles south of here to build a church there, this he did and we waged a battle, beginning Feb. 18th and closed near the 23rd. God met with us there, some saved and sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost. Many hearts stirred.

We organized a Sunday School with good attendance. We set the church in order with nine members, others looking this way. This new church is in the edge of the largest oil field in the world. This gives us many advantages along financial lines.

Well the outlook is fine in this part of the state. We will begin a meeting here at Mobeetie, Apr. 9, D. V. Brother S. J. Wood of Ranger, Texas in charge, everybody pray for us.—T. M. M. Clendon, District Overseer.

GLAD TO REPORT VICTORY

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—I have felt led for some time to sound a note of praise through the Evangel. I feel the spirit burning in my soul. He said in His Word He never would leave nor forsake.

Last Jan. 1926, my wife took sick and was sick for about three months, and of course this caused me to get behind and I had to seek a job, and I came to Jacksonville, and took a job on the west side and also settled on the west side, among people that knew very little about Holiness, although there was a few that knew about the Church of God, and I began to hold prayer meetings in the homes and I soon found it more important to get souls saved than it was to make ice, so I gave up the job at the ice plant, and a tent was purchased. We pitched it on the 18th of Nov. 1926, and I went in the work with both soul and body. We ran a meeting for about sixty days, God blessed and gave us souls for our hire. Jan. 2, 1927, a new church was set in order, with twenty-four members. They were all grown people and God is still pouring out His Spirit here. We have about thirty-one members now and I want to say we have a live working Sunday School, of which we are proud, the average attendance is about seventy-five.

TWENTY RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST

MAGEE, Miss.—We have just closed a wonderful meeting at Shady Grove. Twenty received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues according to Acts 2:4. Meeting began Thursday the 17th and lasted 8 days. Brother E. L. Right done the preaching handing out the Word of God with great power. The Lord blessed from the beginning, pouring out His Spirit in our midst. The saints shouted, danced and talked in tongues.

The church at this place was organized July 16, 1926, so you see we are young in the Church of God work. We had 35 members when organized and 20 more were added during this meeting. Pray for us that we may be a live wire for Jesus and hold up His blood stained banner to a lost and dying world.—M. C. Cockrell, Clerk and Treasurer.

DESIRERS TO DO HIS WILL

SCOTTSBORO, Ala.—I am still praising the Lord for what He has done for me, he has done so much for me. I praise Him for the healing of my body, He has healed me many times. I want the ones who read this to pray for my unsaved husband.

I want you all to pray for me that I may do His will above all things in this world for I want to be ready when He comes or calls. I have had the Holy Ghost eight years, and I belong to the dear Church of God, but I have not been to a Church of God meeting for a long time, and I want you all to pray that the Lord will make a way for me.—Pearlie Bartlett.

Another Victory

ANDERSON, S. C.—Another victory for Anderson, we have just closed a two weeks meeting at Brother W. E. Raney's church in Anderson, in which God met with us with mighty power from the very first service. The power fell and saints shouted the victory and sinner men and women wept under the power of God. We had bad rainy weather but God gave the victory any way. There were ten saved, five sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, just as they got it on the day of Pentecost, for we heard them speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave the utterance.

On Sunday we preached on the Church of God, and opened its doors for membership and there were seven blood washed soldiers united, heart and hand, to carry on the work there and we gave them the right hand of

Pray that God will continue to bless us.—J. A. Hippis, 904 Orchard St.

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST AND HIS FOLLOWERS

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.—1 Cor. 15:20.

EASTER MESSAGE

J. S. Llewellyn.

It appears to have become a common custom to study, write or preach on the resurrection once a year, but when we come to consider properly the importance of this subject it ought to claim our attention more and oftener than once each year, remembering that the burden of the message of the early Church was the resurrection of Christ and the blessed hope of the resurrection of His humble followers. This important theme should be constantly kept before the people as it is a special infinitive to Christian activity. For he who leaves His Christ in the tomb walks in darkness and a believer who does not walk in close fellowship with the living Christ will walk in darkness. A dead Christ would rob us of everything that is held dear to the Christian heart, yea, everything that is worth while. Christ left in the tomb would leave us as a rudderless ship adrift upon the shoreless, storm tossed sea.

The resurrection of Christ foretells the resurrection of all believers, yea, it assures the resurrection of all unbelievers. "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive, but every man in his own order, Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."

Christ died but death could

fellowship, as in Galatians 2:9.

We are now in Charlotte, N. C. in a big snow, but giving the Devil a black eye and some are praying through to God. I don't know how long we will be here, but until God says it is enough. Will close by saying we are still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and completely free from the devil.—Brother and Sister I. G. Roberts.

Vindication

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the vindication of everything that He claims. It is the vindication of the deity of Christ. It is the vindication of the promise of the blessing of the ages to come.

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Enjoying the Fellowship of God's People

BEDFORD, Va.—I want to praise God through the Evangel for his blessings and for keeping a few of us true to the Church of God with Brother F. J. Lee as General Overseer. Though pressed hard on every side by satan and his forces, we can look up and say Jesus doeth all things well. We have services every first Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Brother F. W. Anderson is our pastor and we all love him dearly. He always brings a band of saints with him from Lynchburg, Va. and we always welcome them. Some of the saints from Huddleston meet with us in Bedford. Oh, how we love to meet together and hear the sweet testimonies of God's dear children and mingle our voices together in praise to His dear name and listen to the wonderful messages as Brother Anderson brings them forth with love and power. I ask the prayers of all of God's people. L. J. Johnson, Route No. 5.

THE LORD HAS ALL POWER

COUNTERSVILLES, Ala.—I want to sound a note of praise to the Evangel this afternoon. I am praising the dear Lord for what He is to me. Oh I am so poor yet, I am so glad I was poor enough to accept the dear Lord the meek and lowly way. He makes me feel so rich. Well glory, I can feel His presence with me now.

I was saved when I was sixteen years of age, joined the Baptist Church and lived in it until three years ago when I was sanctified and the Holy Ghost came as a rushing mighty wind, and filled my cup to overflowing and set me on fire for God. I am forty-seven years old now, feel free and young, glad I can say I belong to the Church of God.

I am trusting Jesus for everything in this life. I feel that He is able to give us what we need. He has all power.

My husband is down with rheumatism, hasn't walked a step in nearly five years. I want to ask the dear saints and all to pray that the Lord may heal his body.

Sister Carroll and myself have a prayer meeting started here, and we feel the need of your prayers to help us carry on this good work, for sin doth abound although, we know where sin doth abound grace does much more abound. We are looking forward to greater things, for He said Greater things than these ye shall do because I go to the Father, and He is greater than I.

Oh my Father's children let us pray more, trust Him more, love Him more, then we can expect more of Him.—Mrs. Mollie Hunt.

GOD IS TRULY WITH US

DIXON, Miss.—Since we have left the good old home at Hattiesburg and the dear saints we have held our first meeting near a little town by the name of Cebastropol, we are having a fine meeting and God is truly with us, six saved, six sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost, six followed the Lord in baptism in water, six were added to the church. The revival is still going on, many seekers at the altar and many others looking this way.

We have set the church in order at this place. Our Treasurer, O. E. Cox, Deacon, L. A. Wolverton, Manager J. L. Sistrunk. Our God has overcome one of the hardest and most dangerous deceptions in all the South that any of our pentecostal moves has ever known. Whenever they come together they sing a few songs, have a prayer then call sinners to the altar to seek the baptism, they claim the baptism with the Holy Ghost. They tell us that He, the Holy Ghost will show us how to get rid of sins. So you can see at once that the devil is trying to break up the church with false theories of pentecost but our God is calling for one hundred percent pure gold in order to defend the Church of God.

Our leading workers are active and busy. We are going to build a place of worship right away, they have already organized Wednesday night prayer meeting. The church people have enough work to employ all of their time.—C. C. Stewart.

SPECIAL NOTICE

If anyone knows the whereabouts of any of the Kellets, my mother's people, will you please write to Mrs. G. E. Ingram, Box 75, Cramerton, N. C.

If anyone can give me the address of any of my children, I would be glad to hear from them. Their mother was Julia Mann before marriage.—R. F. Ingram, B. 75, Cramerton, N. C.

THE WAY GROWS SWEETER

STATESBORO, Ga.—I want to praise God for what He has done for me, saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and heals us when we get sick. I have six children but I look to God to heal and take care of them. I have had this blessing four years last Nov. 11, and the way gets better and sweeter to me. All who read this pray for me that I may stand true to my dear Saviour and do His will, and that God will bless in our little band, that all will stand true and be just what God would have them to be. Pray for me.—Mrs. Eve Gerald.

GLAD EASTER DAY

M. S. Jones.

Gone from the tomb and depth of the clay.
Rose up from the sepulchre this Easter Day.
The Savior is risen now, where could He be?
Just preaching the Gospel somewhere you see.

Most wonderful joy came over the land
As word was spread by that little band;
Then tokens of love so joyful and bright
Turned all of the darkness into beautiful light.

And surely the angels dancing in glee
As joy to the world came Jesus so free.
With echoes from Heaven so tender and sweet
As glory we shout and bow at His feet.

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HIDDEN TALENTS

By J. C. Vore.

I feel led of the Spirit to write a few lines in regard to some thoughts that were brought out in our Sunday School.

First we want to mention the fact as recorded in Matt. 25:14 that the man who is represented as traveling into a far country is speaking to his own servants, or laborers in his employ, and that he gave to them that which belonged to him.

We can very well conclude that it was only loaned to them to be used for his glory for the Word plainly states that he would return and demand an accounting of his stewards, and the return of what he had given into their care and even more—the increase.

Dear reader, can we, as a people of God, boldly declare that we have not hidden the talent He gave us for service in a napkin or digged in the earth and covered it up? Some may ask "How may we hide it in the earth?" In lots of ways. First, we are earthen ourselves and God has poured out His Spirit into our lives that we may, by being led by the Spirit, live a life devoted and consecrated to Him to such an extent that we will win other precious souls to Him. Are we doing it? God knows. But if, after God has really trusted His Spirit to us, we just sit idly by and refuse to see anything to do for the Master, how can we ever hope for the reward of the righteous in the "last great day?" Then again, it may be that your Lord has enabled you to sing exceptionally well and you find that you do not really have a "mind to work" for Him that way; yet you are aware that you can and should sing hymns for His glory. Or perhaps you find it easy, so to speak, to pray in the Spirit in a way that will grip men's souls, and cause them to have a desire to have and enjoy what God has given you.

Maybe God has made a very effectual altar worker out of you. If so, then there is where you belong. Our Lord is a master builder and He always puts each piece of timber where He wants it, and where He can use it to His advantage. Then it is plainly up to us as workers for the King to not only know our places but to be content to labor therein. "But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead, shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His

REVIVAL FIRE
STILL BURNING

DAYTON, Ohio.—Have been silent for quiet awhile, but glad to report that the Lord is still blessing and working in the great state of Ohio.

While the cold winds of winter have been blowing the revival fires have been burning, and there has been rejoicing in the presence of the angels over sinners repenting and getting to God.

In different parts of the state the Lord has been blessing. At Middletown, Hamilton and Cincinnati, it is wonderful to see the altar filled with seekers in the regular services, also in other churches in the state the Lord is blessing.

Here in Dayton, our headquarters, God has been blessing in a wonderful way. The church here was having a hard struggle when Sister Helen L. Morrow first led of the Lord to come to Dayton. She began a revival meeting and preached the Word in its purity and finally the break for victory came and God began to deal with hearts and several precious souls were saved, and the Lord working. Sister Morrow closed the meeting to attend the district convention which convened in Akron, but the Lord kept working and some of the Sisters would go into homes and pray with those who were hungry to be filled with the Holy Ghost, and they had prayer meetings in homes in afternoons, and the Lord met with them in a wonderful way, and seekers were filled with the Holy Ghost.

Then Sister Ease, one of our ministers who lives here, began a meeting, with Sister Slimmer from Bethel Temple, of the Assemblies of God, in charge of the singing, the Lord blessed from the very first and the power falling and saints rejoicing. People came to the altar and began crying out to God for salvation, and seekers were lying prostrate on the floor in the altar under the power of God, and came through filled with the Holy Ghost and speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Some saw visions, and some interpreted. One sister went in a trance one Sunday morning and never came out until along in the afternoon. Demons were also rebuked, and the Lord blessed and worked in different ways among His people.

Pentecostal people of other branches in the city came to the meetings and rejoiced, prayed and worked in the services. Thirty-four saved, thirty-four sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-one baptized in water and seventeen added to the Church of God.

Some one made the remark to the pastor's wife here, that his church is in everybody's mouth, and how God is blessing here. We praise the Lord for the way the Church of God is attracting attention in Dayton, and not only in Dayton, but also in the State of Ohio, and other ministers are being added to help spread the full gospel of Jesus and ministers writing asking about the Church of God.

On how we the Church of God need more of the Apostolic power and demonstration of the Spirit to cope with the powers of evil in these last days. Wickleness and skepticism are abounding on every hand. Evil is called good, error is proclaimed for truth, and some of the truths of the Bible held very loosely by those professing to be followers of the Lord.

Almost every wind of doctrine is blowing, and the very foundations of Christianity are assaulted. How we the Church of God need to sigh and cry as the weeping prophet Jeremiah did for the abominations that be done, and cling close to all the Word of God, and in His grace labor to perform every com-

We want to Rise and Shine for Him

ENSLEY, Ala. I want to report victory for the little church at Ensley, Ala.

We have had many battles to fight, and many dark clouds to over come but we looked beyond the shadows and prayed for God to lead us in a plain path. So the smoke of the battle is clearing and we feel like going on. We want to arise and shine for Him.

We have eighteen members and many more looking this way. Had the Lord's Supper and foot washing Sunday evening Feb. 27. The saints were made to rejoice and dance before Him. We are praying and looking for a great revival soon and want all the saints to pray for this place. Pray that the Lord will give us a church building soon. Pray for me.—Mrs. P. U. Browning.

CHURCH BUILT UP
AT SOMERSET

SOMERSET, Ky.—We praise the Lord for the way He is blessing in our services. We praise Him for the two weeks revival recently held here. The valuable services of Brother Latimer, pastor of Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn., and of Miss Haworth, Miss Free and Miss Moore of Cleveland will never be forgotten. Brother Latimer's preaching brought conviction to sinners, joy to saints and convincing truths to all. Many people attended that were never known to come to the Church of God before. A good number prayed through to victory. Ten united with the church. We feel the influence of the church here was greatly built up. Praise the Lord.—Mrs. William Jackson.

is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and through the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. Ps. 46:1-2.

Persecution and opposition only help to perfect the Church of God. She like the Palm tree grows from within. In the days of the Apostles it was the power of God that brought such great results: the multitudes healed, and thousands of souls were saved. It is the power of God we need today to bring the same results. The enticing words of man's wisdom will never bring it. Paul said "And my speech and my preaching was not with the enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." 1 Cor. 2:4.

I will here give a few of President Coolidge's sermon sentences spoken beside the grave of the unknown soldier. "We do not need more intellectual powers; we need more spiritual power. We do not need more of the things that are seen; we need more of the things that are unseen."

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EASTER MESSAGE TO CHILDREN

TITLE:—IF THERE WERE NO EASTER!

TEXT:—"IF CHRIST BE NOT RISEN."—1 Cor. 15:14.

If there were no Easter what then? Some boys and girls have never once thought about that. Easter comes and goes and comes again, and we fail to really appreciate its coming, in fact thousands of boys and girls and even men and women never stop to think or even ask, "What does Easter mean?" But does it really mean anything to us? Would the world be any better or worse if there were no Easter? Would there be more joy or more sadness, more light or more darkness, more liberty or more slavery, more hope or more hopelessness, more death or more life? These questions are very easily answered. The Apostle Paul says very clearly, "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, your faith is also vain and ye are yet in your sins." All this is very true if Jesus Christ be dead and if there were no Easter. We must confess that things would be very different in this world of ours if there were no Easter. Our Religion would be meaningless. Our churches would be Christless. Our hearts would be joyless. And our lives would be hopeless and the whole wide world would still be in darkness—the darkness of sin and despair. But let us thank God this beautiful Easter day for a living Christ. He is not dead. "Now is Christ risen from the dead." Because he lives we shall live also.

There are many boys and girls who live in constant dread

because they are afraid of death. But I am very sure they do, if they are Christians. It is because of the weakness of the flesh that we shrink from death. Yet if we had more confidence in our loving heavenly Father we would not be the least afraid of death.

Two little birds once had a nest in the bushes in the back of the garden. Little Amy found the nest. It had four speckled eggs in it. One day after she had been away for some time she ran into the garden to take a peep at the little speckled eggs. Instead of the beautiful eggs there were only broken, empty shells. "Oh," she said with sorrow and disappointment, picking out the pieces, "the beautiful eggs are all spoiled and broken." "No, Amy," said her brother, "they are not spoiled. The best part of them has taken wings and flown away." That is just how it is with death. The body left behind is only just an empty shell while the soul, which is the best part, has taken wings and flown away.

Death is only a dark tunnel that leads into the beautiful city of life. There is a glorious Easter. It opens doors to us. It gives us a glimpse of glory. It is just this that brought Jesus Christ into this world. He came to bring light and life for evermore. He died that we might go to bring light and life for ever—he lives, and because he lives we shall live also.—Selected.

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST
AND HIS FOLLOWERS

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His resurrection is the vindication of the value of the atoning blood. "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant."

The resurrection is the vindication that it claims to be the head of the Church. We read in Ephesians of the resurrection of Christ and how God raised Him from the dead and set Him at His own right hand and in the heavenly places and gave Him to be the head over all things to the Church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all. Eph. 1:22, 23.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was the open door thru which He ascended to the Father's right hand and sat down, clothed with power and authority as the head of this divine institution, THE CHURCH.

Important Question

"How are the dead raised up, and with what body do they come?" Since there are so many infallible proofs of the resurrection of our Lord and the further promise that as He lived we shall live also, implying the resurrection of His followers

which is the glorious hope of all the true children of God; it being previously stated that there is a resurrection, then the double question arises as above stated "How are the dead raised and with what body do they come?" On these questions there seems to be diversities of opinions. One class seeming to be confused over such a great miracle as would be necessary for Him who is declared to be the resurrection and the light,

mand given in His Word.—Mrs. E. Haynes.

but we are of the firm belief that this is the crowning miracle of all the universe, that the sleeping dead are raised from their graves, awakening in His likeness and in their glorified bodies go to live with Him forever.

The first part of the question "How are the dead raised up?" There are various quotations that might be here given, but time and space would fail us suffice it to say that the power and the ability is in the Christ, the divine head of the Church.

The story is told of a magnet that is so powerful that metal could be buried in the ground and this magnet could be swung around over it and the power that is in the magnet would draw the metal from beneath the ground to itself. Christ is the heavenly magnet and when He leaps the battlements of Heaven, makes His appearance in the air, "For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first." 1 Thes. 4:16. Therefore, it is the power in this heavenly magnet that will raise the dead.

Some even go far enough to say that after this body is laid in the tomb that it goes back to earth, dust to dust, then how can it be raised? We will endeavor to answer this question by asking how did God ever form man from the dust of the earth? and if an omnipotent God can bring man into existence from the dust of the earth, then can we afford to limit His power and question His bringing our bodies from the dust of the earth into a glorified body to reign with Him forever?

Some say that this body dies and that is the last of it, but instead of that being the last of it, it only serves as a promise of a better life. "Thou fool that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die." When the Holy Spirit decided to answer this question by the hand of the inspired writer, He gives us a vision of a field of wheat or of some grain and said thus shall it be in the resurrection. Now the seed of corn has a life germ within it. When the grain which is sown decays and mortifica-

REVIVAL AND DEDICATION
AT CHAUNCEY, ILL.

Sunday, April 10, 1927

The new Church of God building is finished at last. The long looked for revival will begin, will continue until the first Sunday in May. On the first Sunday in May we will dedicate meeting, with dinner on the ground. Everybody is invited to come with well filled baskets. It seems like the whole country has been looking forward to this revival with great interest and delight. Because of this we are having these bills struck. So we mean to make this a real union meeting. We want all the members and the Pastors of all Churches in the entire neighborhood to know they have a special invitation to take part in this meeting.

Rev. M. W. Letsinger of Knoxville, Tenn., state overseer of the Church of God in Illinois, will do the preaching. We expect Brother Ford, pastor at Lawrenceville to be with us.

Everybody come, let us make this a real ingathering of souls.

The Church of God—The Home-Like-Church.

R. A. Fielden and wife, in charge.

sent further proof as to the resurrection of Christ and His followers and the means employed, we now proceed with the later part of the question.

"With what body do they come?" If the enemy could swerve us from the real truth of the glorious result of the resurrection, he would partially succeed, though not so much as if we did not believe in the resurrection at all. Some undertake to believe in a resurrection, but say that it is not this body that shall rise. Now if it is not this body that shall rise then it is no resurrection if Webster has the proper use of language.

Some believe that a kind of spirit or ethereal body will come forth from the tomb, something that will not even break the sod or disturb the earth, and this body will never rise.

We would do well in this inquiry to look well into what body the Christ came forth with, whether it was the same body or some other body that He might have been supplied with during His three days of absence from among men. We find the answer when He made His appearance to His followers and Thomas said he wouldn't believe unless he thrust his hand in His side and see the nail prints in His hands. So the Lord invited him to examine the nail prints in His hands, and the wound in His side, and He said, a spirit cannot have flesh and bones as you see me have. This should forever sweep from the field the question of a mere spirit or ethereal body.

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THE POWER OF GOD IS FALLING IN THE CHURCH OF GOD IN FT. MYERS, FLORIDA

FT. MYERS, Fla.—Brother M. S. Lemons, gave us a ten days Bible Study, which began about the first of Feb. which indeed proved a blessing to the Church of God at this place. Following this our revival began, five or six were filled with the Holy Ghost the first service, the Lord continued blessing from time to time, which continued for about four weeks, and a number was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and also a number was added to the Church of God at this place. In the mean time, a number of backsliders was reclaimed, and received back in fellowship with the Church of God, one we feel glad to mention among the number, A. S. Skinner, (God will certainly bless honest hearts, who will go the Bible route confessing.) The church in general was greatly revived.

The closing of these series of meetings was a day long to be remembered, annual home coming day, and best of all we are glad to report that most every

service some one was blessed, yesterday, (Sunday) was one of the best days of our lives in His service, as the sacredness of His presence seemed to over shadow us through out the day, until a late hour last night, when two precious hungry souls were saved. Truly we can say that unity, and love, go hand in hand, and God will certainly bless where such prevails. We have certainly had a battle in Ft. Myers, Fla. but God is surely giving us the victory now.

Praise God for this good way. His people and His Church, which the Apostles said was the pillar, and ground of the truth. Oh I do praise Him for what He is to us here today, we are still keeping up our prayers each morning at eight-thirty, as requested by Brother Lee, through the paper and God is blessing us in these prayers. I feel like saying this morning, to the great family of the Church of God, Be humble, be humble, and hold on, hold on, a little while longer.

—John L. Stephens.

THE SHEPHERD AND THE SHEEP

Robert Hill.

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters, he restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalms 23.

This Psalm is not a lot of beautiful words put together like fruit in a basket in a tumbled up way, but is an inspired picture of the steps a believer takes in his spiritual journey from earth to Heaven. A clear description of our successive steps that we take from the new birth to Glory. That is why it makes no mention of pardon or repentance, but starts from the standpoint of the new birth and goes right on describing the progress of the shepherd and the sheep.

In the first verse, the original is "Jehovah is my shepherd," and when Jesus says I am the good shepherd in the 10th chapter of St. John He identifies Himself with the Jehovah of this chapter, which is an invaluable proof that He is the Jehovah of the Old Testament, and of His deity, and the fact that He is our good shepherd, gives perfect assurance that He will at all times take care of us, if we will at all times trust Him, and that assurance in the heart will dispel all doubts from our minds having the assurance that we belong to Him and none other, praise God. The next step from the standpoint of the birth is, "HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN." Here is a picture of a soul after being fed, lying down at the feet of Jesus, and the very act of lying down indicates perfect contentment, with God's will: Yea a perfect and everlasting consecration to all His blessed will. Sheep will not lie down if they are hungry, or scared. But when they are fed and free from alarm they will

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST AND HIS FOLLOWERS

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tion sets in, the grain is dead but there is a germ of life which promises new life. This germ reaches out its fingers and takes hold of the sunlight and moisture of the earth and then the new life is seen in the corn, then in the blade and then in the full ear.

As further proof we quote "But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased Him and to every seed His own body." This is conclusive proof that the seed that is planted in the earth will receive its own body and not some other body. We are of the firm belief that God is able to bring back the same body that is sown.

Scientists tell us that every particle of our body is made over anew every seven years. Even if this be true, that does not say that I am not the same man that I was twenty-five years ago.

The subject of the resurrection affords no material for exponents of evolution. It is not a change of species.

This however, does not alter the fact that there is room for improvement.

Some evolutionists speak of evolution of the steam engine. This theory is incorrect and not well founded. The steam engine has been greatly improved, but not by the process of evolution.

The steam engine did not evolve into a flying machine but has been steadily improved to meet the needs of the inventor. Neither is the resurrection a process of evolution or a change of species but it is an advanced, improved and higher order of life for the same individual, hence it is written, this corruptible must put on incorruption and mortality must put on immortality. Then shall the saying be brought to pass, death is swallowed up in victory. Yes, it is victory beyond death, not a cessation of existence, but the open door to a higher and better life. Yes, a life where there is no death.

The next thought is, the "GREEN PASTURES". The shepherd chooses the place where the sheep shall lie down, (Natural.) Just so Jesus Christ chooses for us or else we choose for ourselves, to our own hurt, with heart aches and bitter tears.

Jesus chooses all the program of our sanctification and full salvation when He begins to work a great work in us. Yea He fully provides for a full salvation for every soul. If one cannot read, He will provide a way for them to fall in with some good Holy Ghost meeting where he can hear a full Gospel message. If one can read God will lead them in green pastures of His written Word, provided he has not an opportunity to attend a meeting, however the case may be, God must choose the places of green pastures, or you will make no progress with Him. A sinner cannot make a complete consecration, but he must be justified to make this full consecration, which brings a full salvation.

The next great truth in our text is, "HE LEADETH ME BE-SIDE THE STILL WATERS." The marginal reads, "waters of quietness." The still waters are a river and that river is the Holy Ghost. When we make a complete consecration the Lord leads us to the river of the Holy Ghost. There is a river that is spoken of in various places throughout the entire Bible. This river with four heads, is mentioned by Moses, David, Isaiah, Ezekiel and John. First we read of it in the Garden of Eden, in Genesis, and it runs on through the book of the Apocalypse, clear on through the new heaven and new earth.

There are many emblems of the Holy Ghost in the Bible,

Our glorified body will be a heavenly body. A further consideration of what body the Lord possessed after He arose from the tomb: We conclude it was heavenly because He led them out as far as Bethany, lifted up His hands and blessed them and so He ascended. A cloud received Him out of their sight and heavenly beings testified that the same Jesus that is taken up from among you shall come again in like manner. In His body He sat down at the right hand of the Father's throne. Stephen under a shower of stones looked up and saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God, the same body.

The conclusion of the whole matter is that if we are to be like Him, we shall possess an individual, glorified, heavenly body, one that will not be held by gravity and may go and come through the air, even as our Lord in His body went through the air. Oh, to be like Him is the heart's desire of every true follower of His and the glorious hope of every Christian that will be realized fully in the resurrection.

ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION

F. J. Lee.

We have just returned from West Frankfort, Illinois, where we were in attendance at the State Convention of the Churches of God held from the 6th to 10th, by the State Overseer, M. W. Letsinger.

The convention was a great success, though the weather was very disagreeable on account of continued cold rains. There was a large attendance and every one seemed to greatly enjoy the occasion.

The church work seems to be doing fine in Illinois, with no friction. All seem to love one another, also they love their State Overseer. We will further say that, as fine people as we have ever met are in Illinois. We were entertained in the home of Brother Black, yet we visited the homes of Brothers Warren, Schum, Hall and Goins.

On Sunday night the 10th, we

went to Christopher to dedicate

a church building for Brother

Goins who is the pastor of a

very precious flock at that

place.

Brother Goins certainly has a

fine work which seemed to be

in fine order. He and his wife

and son Willie took Brother

Moreland and myself to the

train on Monday morning.

Brother Moreland is on his way

to Miami to conduct a revival.

We have given a few sketches

about the convention, but think

that Brother Moreland will

write more at length.

The first emblem is the love, then the oil, and fire. But He is compared to a river more than all other emblems put together, and He is never compared to a pond of standing water or a lake, but always to a river that flows, always in motion, never standing. He is from Eternity to Eternity, never beginning, never ending. But Oh a sweet, natural, outflowing from the very heart of the Father, and so the Bible plainly reveals that the Holy Ghost is a river flowing out of the sanctified heart a divine stream that never stops, but flows on forever to and from the very heart of God the Father.

"HE RESTORETH MY SOUL." Most every one thinks this means the backslider, however it may include the backslider, but that is not the real meaning, but the real meaning is that when we receive the Holy

The next verse is one that has been misunderstood all through the ages. YEA THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL; FOR THOU ART WITH ME. THY ROD AND THY STAFF THEY COMFORT ME; right here is the cream of the whole chapter, and it is Oh so often misunderstood, taken to mean departing from this life, which is the wrong construction. In the first He does not say in the valley of death but in the valley of the SHADOW of death. How did the man get in the valley of the shadow of death? do you know? he certainly did not get there by being sick or dying, but "Oh Glory!" he got there by walking in the paths of righteousness, and a dead man doesn't walk. It was not disease that got him thru but righteousness. The man did not die because the next verse says he got out, and bless God when he did get out he had a banquet prepared right in the presence of his enemies; that shows the man did not die, but if he had died he would have gone on to heaven, and there are no enemies in heaven. Now don't you see the point? Grasp the great inspiration, get the Vision! Now let us find what this valley is.

If you will notice the life of all the Patriarchs and the saints, yea and your own life, you will find that you will see that after we receive the Holy Ghost and begin to live a true sanctified life in Jesus Christ He will lead us into some narrow place. A lonely place, a sad place, a canyon. A canyon is a deep valley with perpendicular walls on either side. These are to be found in the Rocky Mountains, here history says they are two thousand feet deep and nothing there but desert rocks and rattlesnakes, no one lives there and the sun goes down at two-thirty in the afternoon. It is a land of shadows and loneliness, and this represents the path that Jesus leads a true bridehood saint. Oh to be sure, if you haven't been there you will if you continue to walk in the paths of righteousness. The saints in bygone days have all been led by God and the shepherd to the valley of the shadow of death without knowing where they were going, and when saints are led along this part of the journey they do not know what alls them. They are sad, they are lonely. Yea they are tempted, they are tried; they live in a dry land, God is putting them to a test. God is proving their faith, so that they are separated from other people and drawn with a divine attraction to a narrow, lonely place. Yea God weans the soul from the past and draws it where it can no more trust in profession, yea completely detaches it from all humanism, apart from human affection, to teach them a true lesson in divine love, can't go here on feelings but pure faith in Him and His inspired Word. Here you must live a life of pure faith, this is absolutely necessary to Christian perfection. This valley is a lonely life, a life where you are misunderstood, and misrepresented, and where it may seem to others you have lost out, you cannot understand yourself, you cannot explain your condition to the brethren, you cannot find words to express your condition, you see they are all misunderstanding you, you realize they all are puzzled about your condition, they want to help you. Oh sure they do, they would give anything if they could reach you, but they don't understand how to reach you. Oh you are sad, sad, lonely, your soul

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REQUESTS

Brother J. L. Haywood requests special prayer that God will restore his soul's joy as it once was and put him on the battlefield.

We are readers of the Church of God paper and read many good testimonies in it. We are sinners and want you all to pray for us. We want the Holy Ghost.—Estelle Picket, Joe Lackett, Dave Wagner and Susie Farmer,—Maybury, W. Va.

Miss Emily Summer, Talking Rock, Ga., requests prayer for her healing and also to be sanctified.

I desire very much that the saints will pray that God will bring harmony, unity and love in our home.—F. W. Borchert, Pueblo, Colorado.

I praise the Lord for saving and sanctifying me and for the blessed promise of the Holy Ghost. I want all the saints to pray for me to receive the baptism and also pray that I may be healed of lung trouble which I have had for five years. I know the Lord can heal.—Mary F. Davis, Vance, Miss. R. 1.

Maud McCurdy, Ft. Payne, Ala. R. 6, wishes to know the address of Bob Robinson. They want him to hold a meeting for them.

I am so glad that I belong to the Church of God and am saved but I am suffering with asthma. Sometimes I have to sit up all night so that I can breathe. I also have a bad cough. Please pray that I might be healed so I can be of service for Jesus.—C. A. McDaniel, Ellian, S. C., Box 134.

Dear saints I am in a meeting for the lost; God's power is good but I feel the need of the Church behind me. The mission here is a Pentecostal mission and souls are hungering for the true Word. Pray that God will anoint His servant with great Holy Ghost power and that the Word may come with power. This is a new field.

Please pray for the church at Sesser.—E. Brayfield, Cutler, Perry Co., Ill.

I want to send a special request to all through the Evangel to pray a special prayer for my brother who is in the State Sanitarium suffering with T. B. He is not saved but says the Lord is the only one that can help him now and if He fails he is lost.

Oh, dear saints God never fails when we come to Him through obedience. Please take this to God as if it were your own dear loved one for I am so burdened. I am writing this amid showers of tears. It seems more than I can bear to see him lost. I know God is able to save and to heal. I am trusting Him.—Maud Medlin, Clarksdale, Miss.

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THE SHEPHERD AND THE SHEEP

(Continued from page 3) is crying out with groanings that cannot be uttered, with questions that cannot be answered. Oh when God revealed this truth to me I was just walking out of this valley, and it's the greatest privilege that we have here in this Christian warfare.

You will remember that when Jesus was anointed with the Holy Ghost He was taken along this lonely way. Yea He was led out into the desert, and the rattle snakes and wild beasts. No father, no mother, no sister, no friend to cook His food, no earthly friend to cheer Him on. There alone He went thru the valley, yea through the valley of the shadow of death, but went thru the valley of death on Calvary. When we are going thru the shadow, others do not know what is the matter, and if we dare tell anybody how we feel (you know holiness folks go a lot on feelings at all times) we will not find one believer in a thousand who can sympathize with us, because most Christians live on their feelings and forget faith and never get out of the valley of the shadow of death. If one speaks to a preacher or evangelist who is not divinely illuminated, who has not been thru the valley, he fails to understand you and says you are backslidden, there is something wrong, there is sin somewhere, and you must go to the altar and confess out. Some preachers do not know the deep things of God and when you go to the altar you feel like a fool, you cry, "Oh Lord I do not know what is the matter, you know my heart is true to you. Oh what must I do. Oh Lord you know I love thee." I have no idea how many times I said this to Him in this experience. But say! my brother you can rest assured if you have not sinned there is no sense in you being dragged to the altar, and make a fool of yourself. You will never get out this way, you must come out by pure faith to Him who has put you there. I say if you have not sinned, just look the devil in the face and say get thee behind me Satan and say "The just shall live by Faith." Now then, how long will one stay in this Valley? That depends on his knowledge, his faith and his prayers. Some never get out and backslide and many times it is because we don't understand how to deal with them, while going thru this test.

"THY ROD AND THY STAFF THEY COMFORT ME." What does that mean? God's rod is His Word, and in that lonely valley, without any food, fire or friends you have nothing but a hard, dry walking stick. Now if I am right, James spent forty days in this valley with wild beasts and rattlesnakes. He had nothing but the Word of God to live on, no food, no fire, no bed. But Glory to God, he said, "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Jesus lived for forty days on the book of the second blessing coupled with the Holy Ghost Baptism. Do you know what book that is? That is the book of Deuteronomy. The word Detmos means second, the word Noma means experience. The word Exodus means go forth, get out from the world. And so when Jesus talked to the devil and made quotations from the Bible, he did not quote from the book of Exodus, but from the book of Deuteronomy, and so he lived forty days on this blessing. Yea he ate, drank and devoured the Word. He drew so many of God's sheep have

honey from the rod and the staff and so we are led along this lonely valley to feed on God's Word and draw honey from the rock, and when you get there you can read the book of Job and not before. I declare you will find passages in Job that exactly fit your case. The higher critics do not know these things and many of our dear precious brothers and sisters do not know them but I am trying to get to them with this article. Oh I am sending it forth seasoned with prayer, praying it will come in time to help some of God's people to go on thru the valley, and when you can draw honey from the book, food and medicine from God's pure words, without leaning on your blessings, but truly live and not waver on the Word of God, yea then you will get out of the "VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH." Yea my brothers, you must travel this lonely road sooner or later, without this experience you are not fully qualified to preach to God's sheep and lambs. He told Peter to feed His sheep, and feed His lambs. Oh I would to God I could have a personal interview with every one of God's saints that are going thru this experience, there are so many that never survive this test.

As this article goes forth to our people you may rest assured that it comes to you fully inspired by the Holy Ghost, authorized by the triune God, fully understood by traveling this lonely valley, never would have been understood without it. Oh you interesting brother, get the vision, if you have not been thru this experience you will if you walk in the paths of His righteousness, and if you have not been thru it, please offer yourselves unreservedly for this sacrifice. I was in this valley from the week of the last assembly to Feb. 28th this year. This is not another experience but a broadening out of our present experience.

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Wonderful Meeting At Chavies

BONNYMAN, Ky.—I want to sound a note of praise to the dear Lord through the Evangel. A two weeks meeting has just closed at Chavies, Ky. extended it one week, and we sure did have a wonderful time, the meeting was conducted by Brother Dixon, pastor, Brother and Sister Bell were with us three nights. About thirty were saved and quite a lot sanctified and thirteen got the Holy Ghost with evidence of other tongues. Eighteen were baptized and twenty-one added to the church at Chavies.

I don't belong to the church there but I sure did enjoy helping souls to Jesus and I want to praise the Lord because I am saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides and I am not ashamed to praise the Lord. I thank God for keeping me three years free from sin and I need the prayers of all that I will stand true and be bolder than ever before, and pray for me.—Elizabeth Young.

run off and gotten cuckle burrs in their wool is because many of them have not been fed. Oh ye ministers, get the 23rd Psalm to your flock, and help them through this valley. Oh what an enlargement of your knowledge and wisdom of God. Yea an enlarged life of prayer, of faith, of compassion. You will not have sticks and weeds to feed your congregation, who is starving for the Word of God, but you will feed them on a good meal and they will be shouting happy.

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Testimonies :- Healings

GET DOWN HUMBLE AT HIS FEET

I FEEL LIKE GOING ALL THE WAY

WANTS TO BE A WORKER

BEDFORD, Va.—I feel like in my heart I ought to say a few words through the Evangel in praise to my dear Saviour, for what He has done for me. He is a great one in time of need if we will only get down humble at His feet and ask Him to help us with a pure clean heart to give us grace to overcome the evil things in this old wicked world we are living in down here. He won't turn a deaf ear to us as our friends will do here in this sinful world. He will hear our prayers and our cries and give us grace to go through. I feel so sad at times I don't know what to do. I only look up and ask God to take my burdens away and He so sweetly lifts them, I can never praise Him enough. We must obey God and His teaching or else we will come up lacking.

Brother R. W. Anderson is our pastor and we all love him. I believe he is a God sent man to preach the Gospel. All who read this please pray for me and my unsaved children that God will save their souls before it is too late.—Kattie Johnson.

Looking Forward to the Coming of Christ

CARAWAY, Ark.—I want to say that today finds me looking forward to the coming of Christ my Saviour, for we see so many signs being fulfilled that we know that He surely must be coming soon. He said in the last days He would pour out His Spirit on all flesh and your sons and daughters would prophesy. O that people would pray more in these last days for we can just look about and see so many precious souls going down to destruction and ruin, O how it makes our hearts ache. We can go in so many precious homes of people who once shouted the victory but now are dried up and ready to blow away.

Luke says blessed are ye when men shall hate you and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil for the Son of man's sake.

Let's all awake and be on duty for fear the Bridegroom cometh and finds us idle. We often hear remarks that the world is getting worse every day and we can see for ourselves the powers of Satan are stronger than yesterday. That community where they used to have such glorious meetings is now formal and cold or no meeting at all. The saints are scattered and some are backslidden, but still as I ponder over these thoughts there comes a Scripture and if I can see for ourselves the powers of Satan are stronger than yesterday. That community where they used to have such glorious meetings is now formal and cold or no meeting at all. The saints are scattered and some are backslidden, but still as I ponder over these thoughts there comes a Scripture and if I can see for ourselves the powers of Satan are stronger than yesterday. That community where they used to have such glorious meetings is now formal and cold or no meeting at all. 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